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In re application of: MARCOCCIA, Bruno S.)

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Serial No.: 09/879,391)

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For: "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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IN A CONTINUOUS DIGESTER")



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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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October 10, 2001

Dear Sir:


Please find enclosed in response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated August 10, 2001:

- One copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application
- An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Return Postcard plus postage
- Check for \$65.00

Applicant is a small entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **50-1513**. This Response is believed to be timely. However, if any extension of time is necessary, please consider this a request therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

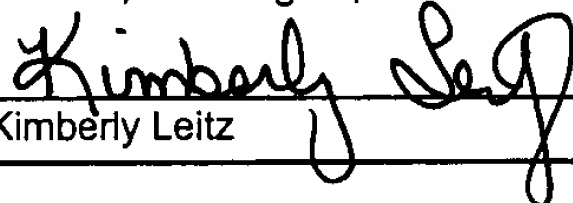

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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